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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announces the guilty plea today of Homero B. Dominguez, age 36 of Annandale, Virginia, to federal charges of immigration document fraud and illegal possession of a firearm. Mr. Dominguez faces a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment for the document fraud charge and ten years for the firearm charge when sentenced on August 27, 2004, by District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton. Dominguez, a Guatemalan immigrant, also faces deportation.

Dominguez admitted running a fraudulent document mill from his home in Annandale. In return for a fee of approximately \$100 per card, Dominguez produced counterfeit green cards, work permits, and social security cards for sale to immigrants in the Northern Virginia area. The cards appeared genuine to the untrained eye, but were in fact counterfeit. Dominguez also produced counterfeit New York State Driver's Licenses.

Dominguez was arrested on April 21, 2004, at his residence. At that time, agents seized \$5,000 in cash, a firearm and a Toyota Tacoma truck from the residence. In addition, agents seized, pursuant to a court order, approximately \$21,000 from bank accounts held by Dominguez. This money is proceeds netted through his illegal activity. Dominguez agreed to forfeit the cash and property as part of his guilty plea.

This case is the result of a twelve-month investigation by a task force of state and federal law enforcement agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Social Security Administration, and the Fairfax County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Erik R. Barnett is prosecuting the case for the government.

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